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INTRODUCTION OF WLL AND GSM SERVICES .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has introduced WLL and GSM services in Junagadh district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has set up any tower for this purpose in the said district;

(c) if so, the areas benefited by the introduction of these services in the above district; and

(d) the other districts in Gujarat likely to be covered under the WLL and GSM services during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mobile tower have been set up in Junagadh city and other towns namely Diu, Keshod, Kodinar, Manavadar, Porbandar, Ranavav, Talala, Una, Veraval and Vishavadar. 30 WLL towers have been set up in Junagadh district.

(c) All 14 SDCAs of Junagadh district have been benefited by introduction of GSM services. 10 SDCAs namely Junagadh Keshod, Kodinar, Manavadar, Veraval, Porbandar, Ranavav, Vishavadar, Talala and Vanthali have been benefited by introduction of WLL services.

(d) All district headquarters are covered by BSNL Mobile service in Gujarat. At present in 19 districts WLL Services are available and in remaining 6 districts namely Anand, Kheda, Valsad, Navsari, Dang and Amreli WLL services are planned and likely to be started during 2005-06.